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Office Action Summary	Application No. 10/534,652	Applicant(s) SCHNEIDER ET AL.	
	Examiner GINA C. YU	Art Unit 1611	

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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 1 MONTH(S) OR THIRTY (30) DAYS, WHICHEVER IS LONGER, FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on March 24, 2009.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 9-22 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☒ Claim(s) 9-22 are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

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- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413) |
| 2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) | Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____ |
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DETAILED ACTION

Election/Restrictions

Receipt is acknowledged of applicant's election of species filed on March 24, 2009. Amine Oil 1, IT 10/80, and AK350 from Table 1 of specification for Groups I, II, and III, were elected respectively.

Applicant asserts the species encompassed by the present claims form a single inventive concept under PCT Rule 13.1, and identifies the single inventive concept as the high solids emulsion (solids > 45 %) which contains an amino-functional organopolysiloxane and an emulsifier, and has a pH greater than equal to 7.5

Applicant asserts the inventive examples all have both high solids content and low viscosities and are within the range of claim 9. In response, examiner respectfully points out the disclosure of specification p. 5, lines 33 – 35 that the organopolyhsiloxanes of the present invention is in the form of liquid, and there is no requirement in the present claims that the silicone be solids. Applicant is also reminded that species election requirement is only a tool for search strategy for the examiner and not a limitation to the scope of any potentially patentable claims.

In view of the claim amendment received on March 24, 2009, restriction is required under 35 U.S.C. 121 and 372. See 37 C.F.R. § 1.499. The claims are now directed to two distinct inventions lacking unity of invention under § 1.475.

This application contains the following inventions or groups of inventions which are not so linked as to form a single general inventive concept under PCT Rule 13.1.

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In accordance with 37 CFR 1.499, applicant is required, in reply to this action, to elect a single invention to which the claims must be restricted.

Group I, claim(s) 9-15 and 17-20, drawn to an oil-in-water emulsion comprising at least 45 % by weight of at least one organopolysiloxane having the amino group as defined in claim 9; at least one emulsifier, and water; and having a pH of at least 7.5 and a viscosity of no more than 50,000 mPas at 25 C.

Group II, claim(s) 16, drawn to a process of making an oil-in-water emulsion comprising at least 45 % by weight of organopolysiloxane containing element N; at least one emulsifier, and water; and having a pH of at least 7.5 and a viscosity of no more than 50,000 mPas at 25 C.

The inventions listed as Groups I and II do not relate to a single general inventive concept under PCT Rule 13.1 because, under PCT Rule 13.2, they lack the same or corresponding special technical features for the following reasons: the organopolysiloxanes of groups I and II have different scope. Group I is directed to an oil-in-water emulsion of the organopolysiloxanes as defined in claim 9, with specific radical Y of formula II. On the other hand, the process claim encompasses process of making organopolysiloxanes which merely require the presence of nitrogen atom. Since the two inventions are directed organopolysiloxanes of different kinds, the link to a single general inventive is no longer present.

The examiner has required restriction between product and process claims. Where applicant elects claims directed to the product, and the product claims are subsequently found allowable, withdrawn process claims that depend from or otherwise require all the limitations of the allowable product claim will be considered for rejoinder. All claims directed to a nonelected process invention must require all the limitations of an allowable product claim for that process invention to be rejoined.

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In the event of rejoinder, the requirement for restriction between the product claims and the rejoined process claims will be withdrawn, and the rejoined process claims will be fully examined for patentability in accordance with 37 CFR 1.104. Thus, to be allowable, the rejoined claims must meet all criteria for patentability including the requirements of 35 U.S.C. 101, 102, 103 and 112. Until all claims to the elected product are found allowable, an otherwise proper restriction requirement between product claims and process claims may be maintained. Withdrawn process claims that are not commensurate in scope with an allowable product claim will not be rejoined. See MPEP § 821.04(b). Additionally, in order to retain the right to rejoinder in accordance with the above policy, applicant is advised that the process claims should be amended during prosecution to require the limitations of the product claims. **Failure to do so may result in a loss of the right to rejoinder.** Further, note that the prohibition against double patenting rejections of 35 U.S.C. 121 does not apply where the restriction requirement is withdrawn by the examiner before the patent issues. See MPEP § 804.01.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to GINA C. YU whose telephone number is (571)272-8605. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Friday, from 9:00AM until 5:30 PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Sharmila Landau can be reached on 571-272-0614. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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/Gina C. Yu/
Primary Examiner, Art Unit 1611